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1. For about two months there has been noted a relaxation of relations with Yugoslavia. This is concluded from the following facts:
  - a. The renewal of diplomatic relations between these two countries;
  - b. The press no longer prints the inflammatory articles as before, in which Yugoslavia and Greece were declaimed as "gangsters" in the service of the United States;
  - c. A strong decrease in the number of border incidents; and
  - d. The Bulgarian compliance in various Yugoslav proposals at the meetings of the Danube commission.
2. The public generally believes that this reconciliation is a result of the new Soviet foreign policy which Malenkov has been following especially concerning Yugoslavia, which is different from the course followed by Stalin.
3. Bulgarian public opinion favors this evolution of foreign policy. Not because allegedly approving the government policy *per se*, but because of a growing sympathy with the Yugoslav deviation, they hope thus to be able to influence the Bulgarian internal policy and reinforce the opposition to the present regime. At the same time, the part of the population which brought the present regime into power, believes that it would be difficult to arrive at and keep a greater liberty without foreign aid. But it seems that at present the case is not a real issue and points out (still according to Bulgarian public opinion) the Anglo-American discord and the not-yet-arrived-at French-German relations.

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